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Re: WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

The Rainbow PUSH Coalition applauds the FCC's recent announcement to open a Notice of Inquiry on broadband industry practices, and we are eager to take this opportunity to offer our perspective on today's broadband market. As the Internet evolves, it is imperative that broadband providers continue to invest in the development of the next-generation of the Internet for as many residents of our cities and towns as possible. Access to broadband technology is a key driver of economic progress. We recognize the necessity for broadband to enter all communities so everyone has the equitable opportunity to succeed in today's digital economy.

As you may know, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition seeks to protect, defend and broaden civil rights and to even the economic and educational playing fields in all aspects of American life. This mission clearly draws our organization into technology policy, such as the matter the Commission is considering under this docket. Everyday in educating and working with our members we access technology to reach them more frequently and with greater success. Whether it is via blogging, tele-conferencing, emails, and online newsletters, we correspond with members, elected officials, and potential stakeholders to advance our message and further our cause to all Americans. The Internet has played a critical role in the execution of our organization's goals and in the lives of our constituents.

A critically important goal for our organization is bridging the digital divide. Today, broadband providers are poised to enter new markets – both in urban and rural areas – with new wireline and wireless offerings, such as WiMAX. We are excited to see this expansion, and we want it to continue. For

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example, the recent developments in the field of telemedicine have allowed people in rural communities to connect to healthcare professionals who may be out of reach for a traditional in-office visit. Elected officials and candidates for public office alike can reach out to voters and educate them on the issues even if they are not planning a visit to the voters' region. The Internet has truly become entrenched in the lives of American citizens, and we must do whatever is in our power to sustain its usage and deployment.

Again, we appreciate the FCC's Notice of Inquiry on the state of broadband technology in America.

Sincerely,

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